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1. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT USG PRESS RELEASE FOR REVIEW.
IT IS SUBJECT TO FURTHER MODIFICATION HERE.

QUOTE THE GOVERNMENTS OF FRANCE, GREAT BRITAIN AND THE
UNITED STATES AGREED IN PARIS TODAY TO UNDERTAKE A FIVE-YEAR
COOPERATIVE EFFORT DESIGNED TO ACHIEVE A BETTER UNDERSTAND-
ING OF THE IMPACT OF MAN'S ACTIVITIES ON THE EARTH'S STRATO-
SPHERE. THE AGREEMENT RESPONDS TO MOUNTING CONCERN IN MANY
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COUNTRIES OVER THE POTENTIAL DEPLETION OF THE OZONE LAYER
AND OTHER POSSIBLE MODIFICATIONS OF THE UPPER ATMOSPHERE
CAUSED BY SUCH MAN-RELATED SUBSTANCES AS AVIATION EMISSIONS,
FLUOROCARBONS, AND OTHER CHEMICALS.

THE ACTIVITIES TO BE IMPLEMENTED UNDER THE AGREEMENT WILL BE DESIGNED TO ACCELERATE AND SUPPORT THE EXTENSIVE INTERNATIONAL EFFORT ALREADY UNDERWAY IN THIS FIELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF VARIOUS UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES, REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC ORGANIZATIONS, AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS. THE AGREEMENT SPECIFICALLY CALLS FOR COLLABORATION WITH THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION, THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME AND THE INTERNATIONAL CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION TO, RESPECTIVELY, EXPAND GLOBAL OZONE MONITORING CAPABILITIES, INCREASE RESEARCH ON THE BIOLOGICAL AND CLIMATIC IMPACTS OF STRATOSPHERIC MODIFICATION, AND EVALUATE THE NEED FOR INTERNATIONAL STRATOSPHERIC POLLUTION STANDARDS FOR CIVIL AVIATION. THE AGREEMENT WILL ALSO BUILD UPON A VARIETY OF COOPERATIVE STRATOSPHERIC-RELATED PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES ALREADY BEING CARRIED OUT BY TECHNICAL AGENCIES OF THE THREE COUNTRIES.

UNDER TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT, THE THREE GOVERNMENTS WILL SEEK WAYS TO IMPROVE THE COLLECTION AND ACCELERATE THE PROCESSING, EXCHANGE AND ANALYSIS OF STRATOSPHERIC OZONE DATA; EXPAND THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON STRATOSPHERIC RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS PROGRAMS UNDERWAY OR PLANNED IN THE THREE COUNTRIES; AND PURSUE OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEW COLLABORATIVE RESEARCH. PROVISION IS MADE FOR A JOINT ANALYSIS OF THE STATE OF KNOWLEDGE ABOUT TRENDS IN STRATOSPHERIC OZONE LEVELS, WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR POSSIBLE IMPROVEMENTS IN EXISTING OZONE MONITORING NETWORKS.

PARTICIPATING U.S. ORGANIZATIONS INCLUDE THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION, NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION, DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. THE INVOLVEMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM WILL BE COORDINATED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT, AND THE FOCAL POINTS IN FRANCE WILL BE THE UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMITTEE ON COORDINATED ACTION IN REGARD TO THE STRATOSPHERE OF THE GENERAL DELEGATION ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH (DGRST), AND THE COMMITTEE ON CONSEQUENCES OF STRATOSPHERIC FLIGHT (COVOS).

NEGOTIATIONS ON THE AGREEMENT WERE INITIATED AS THE RESULT OF A REQUEST BY SECRETARY WILLIAM COLEMAN IN HIS FEBRUARY 4 DECISION ON THE CONCORDE SST THAT THE THREE COUNTRIES SEEK WAYS TO STRENGTHEN EXISTING CAPABILITIES FOR MONITORING THE OZONE LAYER. ALTHOUGH THE EFFECT ON THE OZONE LAYER OF THE 16-MONTH CONCORDE DEMONSTRATION IN THE UNITED STATES WILL NOT BE DETECTABLE, THE AGREEING PARTIES RECOGNIZED THE NEED TO ACCELERATE WHAT MUST BE A LONG-TERM EFFORT TO

DETERMINE ACCURATELY THE IMPACE OF POTENTIAL STRATOSPHERIC
MODIFIERS, INCLUDING AVIATION EMISSION AS WELL AS OTHER
CHEMICALS.

THE TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT FOLLOWS. UNQUOTE SISCO
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